GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2937
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000
FERTILIZER SHOPS
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of shops opened in Bihar by KRIBHCO and IFFCO for marketing fertilizer to farmers easily and the places where shops or the Kisan Sewa Kendras are proposed to be set up; and

(b) The steps proposed to remove the regional imbalance?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) & (b): IFFCO sells urea and NPK 12:32:16 fertilizer in Bihar. The sales are mainly through Cooperative Societies. 2631 primary agricultural cooperative societies which are spread through out the State, are members of IFFCO of which 1278 are active currently. A portion of the sales is also made through its own service centres which number 2 and other institutional agencies like National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED), Bihar State Cooperative Marketing Union Limited

(Biscomaun) and Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL). The sales to institutional agencies is made in bulk who in turn sell it to farmers through their distribution network.

KRIBHCO sells urea for which it has small allocation under the Essential Commodities Act. The sale of urea is made through member societies and State institutional agencies. KRIBHCO does not have any Kisan Sewa Kendra in the State. Both IFFCO and KRIBHCO are having no proposals at present to open Kisan Sewa Kendras in Bihar.